

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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For over nine decades the public has been reminded of the responsibility we all have for fire safety. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the very first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. This same commitment to fire safety has carried forward since 1922 with Fire Prevention Week being observed annually on the Sunday through Saturday the week in which October 9 falls, the date of the Great Chicago Fire. It was during this week in 1925, the President of the United States signed a proclamation proclaiming national observance of Fire Prevention Week.



State Fire Marshal
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Since 1923, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has joined the fire service and other fire and panic safety advocates highlighting National Fire Prevention Week. This year we join all of you in stressing this year's message, "Prevent Cooking Fires" recognizing that cooking is the leading cause of residential fires. In California the fire service has already reported over 2000 residential fires to the California All Incident Risk System and cooking incidents are one of the leading causes.

California has continued to be a fire safety leader in protecting our citizens and visitors. Whether it's residential fire sprinklers, code education and enforcement, or a dynamic emergency response system we have provided a "connected" public safety system. Our public education and outreach has been delivering an important message that focuses on changing risk behavior to reduce the number of fire starts and ultimately provide a safer working environment for our emergency responders. Fire Prevention Week is about that outreach and behavior change. It is about every member of the California fire service sharing important messages about fire safety and this year the focus is on the leading cause of fires in the location where people should be the safest. Again, these efforts benefit every member of the fire service.

As each member of our "connected" public safety system promotes Fire Prevention Week and promotes our fire prevention efforts in our communities, let's remember this year's message and focus on cooking safety. "Prevent Cooking Fires" and reduce our residential fires. Let's continue together to be the leaders in fire safety. Remember fire is everyone's fight!

As always, be safe!

TONYA L. HOOVER
State Fire Marshal

***IMPORTANT
Information, Meetings, and Events***

Information

Pipeline Safety Advisory Committee— Looking to fill vacancy, contact Chief [Bob Gorham](#)
State Fire Training—[recruiting for cadre members](#)

OSFM Meetings

October 8— Joint meeting of the Automatic Extinguishing System and Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committees, Sacramento
October 18— Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC), Sacramento
November 21— State Board of Fire Services, Sacramento
December 5— Pipeline Safety Advisory Committee, Lakewood

Events

October 8— California Building Standards Commission meeting, Sacramento CA